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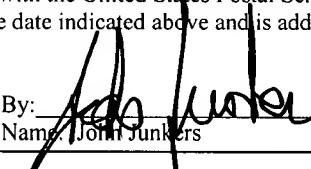
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AMENDMENT

Box RCE
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed on June 5, 2002, in connection with the above-identified patent application, and in accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Response to the Office Action is due on December 5, 2002, with a three-month (3) extension of time. The Applicants submit concurrently a Petition for Extension of Time for three months, to and including December 5, 2002, accompanied by the required fee. Please also find enclosed a Request for Continued Examination, accompanied by the required fee. The fees for both have been charged to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (AMENDED) A method for functional analysis of a target region in a sequence of interest of an haploid genome, said method comprising: